CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Water Rates charged by DDA

628. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority propose to charge water rates from the residents of its colonies squaring to these of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi based on actual meter reading instead of the earlier practice of charging flat rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has decided to levy water charges from the residents of its colonies at the same rates as is being charged by Delhi Water Supply and Sewerage Disposal Undertaking of M.C.D.

(b) (i) For metered connections water consumption rates|schedule of rates applicable in the D.W.S. & S.DU. of M.C.D. are applicable in D.D.A.

(ii) For unmetered domestic connection or for connections where the meters are found to be out of order, flat rate consmption charges is applicable.

(iii) Boosting charges are recoverable in such colonies/pockets where boosting installations have been installed on the distribution system.

Rampant Corruption in DDA

629. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report appearing in the daily "The Hindustan Times", New Delhi, on the 7th April, 1993 under caption. This is Delhi clerk is monarch of all the surveys highlighting the rampant corruption in DDA;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove corruption in DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken by DDA to minimise corruption.

(1). The Vigilance Department has been specially instructed to expedite action against corrupt officials.

(2) Regular public hearings are conducted at the levels of Directors, Commissioners, Members and Vice-Chairman and the compaints of the public are sorted out.

(3) Allotment of flats is made by draw of lots through computer and wide publicity is given from time to time about the draws. Special drives have been conducted to clear the long pending cases of mutations, conversion, etc. The policy relating to allotment of flats has been streamlined, leaving little discretion to the staff to make arbitrary decisions.

Rates of Penal Interest charged by Cooperative Group Housing Societies

630. SHRI LAKHI RAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Cooperative Group Housing